

NONPOINT SOURCE -- URBAN NONPOINT SOURCE AND STORMWATER GRANTS

Authorization: s. 281.66, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 155, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2003-05 Biennium = \$3,750,000

Objective: Improve water quality by limiting or ending sources of nonpoint source (runoff) water pollution. Providing financial and technical assistance to urban units of government.

Eligibility: Wisconsin municipalities meeting statutory urban density.

Level of Assistance: Reimbursement of up to 70% of eligible costs for eligible planning activities and up to 50% for installing best management practices to reduce water pollution.

Priorities: Focused in critical watershed and lake areas where nonpoint-source-related water quality problems are most severe and control is most feasible.

Eligible Types of Projects: Stormwater planning, erosion control ordinance development, stormwater utility feasibility studies, construction of detention ponds, and infiltration practices.

Applications: Applications are solicited from eligible local units of government in January; deadline is April 15th. Applicants compete statewide; applications with the highest scores are funded until all available funds have been allocated. Grants are made for specific projects and have a 2-year implementation time frame.

History: The Urban Nonpoint & Stormwater grant program was created by Act 9, the 1999-01 State Budget Bill. The first grants were issued for the 2000-01 (CY) grant cycle. Through the 2005 CY, 267 grants have been issued, totaling \$28.5-million in funding.

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